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**EPA SELECTS GLEN COVE . LONG ISLAND FOR A REGIONAL BROWNFIELDS
PILOT PROJECT GRANT**

NEW YORK, N.Y.--- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Administrator Jeanne M. Fox today announced that the City of Glen Cove on Long Island has been selected for a regional grant through EPA's Brownfields pilot program. The goal of the Brownfields program is to facilitate the productive reuse of old industrial and commercial properties where redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. EPA Region 2 will provide Glen Cove with \$50,000 to enhance the city's existing Brownfields restoration efforts in a degraded 1.1 mile stretch of historic waterfront known as the Glen Cove Creek area.

This section of the city is lined with a number of brownfields - and has two federal Superfund sites. EPA is cleaning up radioactive wastes and chemicals at the Li Tungsten Superfund site. At the Mattiace Petrochemical Superfund site, EPA has eliminated surface and buried organic solvent contamination and construction of a system to clean up groundwater contamination will soon begin.

"The Clinton Administration's Brownfields Initiative is good for

the environment and good for the economy," said. Ms. Fox. "The selection of Glen Cove for a Brownfields pilot project means that more EPA expertise and resources will be available to help Mayor Tom Souzzi in his efforts to return this old industrial section to productive community use."

"I am very excited that the federal government has recognized the importance of our waterfront revitalization project," Mayor Souzzi said. "We welcome their confidence in the city as partners in this challenging process. We need cooperation on all levels of government to be successful and this is a good example of that."

Brownfields projects bring together community leaders, investors, developers and citizens to work together and develop their own plans to turn economically abandoned areas into environmentally safe, economically attractive areas.

The objective of this Brownfields pilot is to develop a community-based management plan that promotes reuse of brownfields in the Glen Cove Creek area as part of the city's overall waterfront revitalization plan. The pilot will also assist in the identification and assessment of other potential brownfields.